

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5, 1873.

THANKSGIVING.—Gov. Hartshorn follows President Grant in appending Thursday, Nov. 27th, as a day of thanksgiving.

The **Genesee Valley** (N. Y.) *Free Press*, of late a Republican paper, has seen the error of its ways and saluted the recent Democratic State ticket at its masthead.

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The trial of Uderzoek, for the murder of Goss, is now in progress at West Chester, before Judge Butler. The witnesses have given the facts fairly and as heretofore published, with the usual point of view. The trial will continue some days and may occupy the whole of the present week. Eleven others and one negro make up the jury.

AMONG the other wise financial suggestions of the President is that we establish post-office banks in connection with every cross-roads post-office in the country. A correspondent suggests that this would create a number of new post-offices, and that the cashiers of these institutions might be filled with the noble army of detailled paymasters, ennobling post office clerks and blackmailing officials who have been kicked out of office during the past year.

We have not seen a single endorsement of the absurd proposition, recently made by President Grant, to the effect that the States should erect mounds at Washington, for their Senators and Representatives. The attempt of the President to prepare the tide-table for this year, by commanding him to a newspaper correspondent his intention to recommend the Senate to act in his next session, has only served to awaken ridicule and opposition to the scheme. We shall wait to see whether Grant persists in his effort to help the Red-Route of Washington in this last attack.

THERE is a class of politicians and journals in the country to whom the wish is ever father to the thought, who have for years been engaged in writing epitaphs for the Democratic party, and in organizing a new party to take its place. To them the triumph of Allen and Thruven, in the strength of both parties, is perfectly inexplicable, and they are ready to put an explanation of the result. This is to be found, in the simple fact, that a majority of the people of that State are convinced that the political salvation of the country is to be worked out through the Democratic party and no other organization.

THE STATES CASE.—As we suspected of late, Stokes gets off with his neck. His case was referred to the jury on Wednesday at 1:35, and at 10 o'clock, P. M., they returned with a verdict of manslaughter in the third degree. Justice Davis then delivered the following sentence:

In rendering this verdict, Stokes, the jury have exhausted, and more than exhausted, all mercy in your case. No appeal to this Court can diminish the severity of the highest penalty which can be inflicted upon him, for he is the light, and apparently timid as compared with the great crime you have committed. He doth not seem to have any real remorse for his conduct, but still impresses us all that the law confers on my power, and I only regret that the sentence cannot be more adequate to the wrongs which rests upon your guilty head. The trial was adjourned at the State Prison in Sing Sing as hard labor for four years.

Stokes was surrounded and embraced by his friends, and then hurried off to the Tombs.

PANIC FEARS.—The great manufacturing firm of A. & W. Sprague, of Providence, Rhode Island, has failed, and with it the commission house of Hoyt, Sprague & Co., in New York. The news had a very depressing effect, and it is feared that other houses doing business with the Spragues will suffer severely. The assets of the Spragues are stated at \$10,000,000, and their liabilities \$11,000,000; surplus \$800,000. The company's debts about ten thousand hands, which the collapse of their establishments will throw out of employment.

Four hundred workmen were discharged from the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard on Friday.

Many of the manufacturing establishments in the interior of the State of New York have closed, throwing thousands of people out of employment.

Lloyd, Hamilton & Co., bankers in New York, suspended on Thursday, affecting about thirty-five banks with whom they did business.

H. C. Eaton & Co., the heavy dry-goods dealers in New York, are seriously embarrassed and may go to suspension.

Nearly all the banks, over one thousand, at the locoative works in Paterson, New Jersey, have been discharged.

The commissioners of charities of New York are taking possession of the unoccupied buildings belonging to the city, and putting them in order, that shelter may be given the homeless poor during the winter.

The Moorfield iron works at Pittsburgh have stopped.

Work in the iron mining along the South Mountain railroad has been stopped.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4, 1873.

DEAR COMPILER.—Perhaps your readers might be interested in observing some of the stationary accounts of the Convention. In the abstract read on Friday, by Mr. Hay, the chairman of the committee on accounts and expenditures, are found 175 bottles of mulch, &c., 6 barrels, & 3 casks, which serve for one year. Stamps are not required and these stamps are unexpended.

While they were elected, this will result in the election next year of 28 new Senators.

At the general election in 1870 Senators shall be elected from even numbered districts, and from odd numbered districts to serve for four years.

By the persistent efforts of Mr. Broadbent, of Delaware, the system of representation by the Senate was agreed upon, as follows:—In the Senate each state shall form a separate district unless it shall contain four-fifths of a ratio, except where the adjoining counties are entitled to one more senator, in which case the ratio will be one-half a senator on less than four-fifths and exceeding one-half of a ratio. The provision for uniting Delaware county with adjacent counties, and for dividing the same into two senatorial districts, is to be left to the discretion of the Senate.

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